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Sir,

**Preliminary amendment**

In the subject application, please amend the claims as follows:

**In the claims:**

**Please cancel claims 1-40, 42-47 and 49-92 without prejudice.**

**Claims 1-40 (canceled)**

**Claim 41 (original)**

41. A mixer apparatus for mixing livestock feed and the like, said apparatus comprising:

a container for the reception therein of the feed;

said container including:

a housing;

a wall extending away from said housing, said wall defining an opening disposed remote from said housing for the reception therethrough of the feed, the arrangement being such that said housing and said wall define therebetween an enclosure for the feed received through said opening;

an auger disposed within said enclosure, said auger having an axis of rotation extending through said housing;